


DNREC's Division of Fish & Wildlife announces acreage availability for shellfish aquaculture

Inland Bays' interactive shellfish aquaculture map to be updated May 10

DOVER – DNREC's Division of Fish & Wildlife announced today  that acreage will be made available for Inland Bays' shellfish aquaculture lease starting later this month. Some acreage previously classified as "Pending" on [the interactive Shellfish Aquaculture Development Area map](#) will be updated starting May 10 to "Available." This change comes after DNREC did not receive complete applications for these acres by a one-year deadline set by the Department that expired May 2.

DNREC will update [the interactive shellfish aquaculture map](#) – also accessible via the Division of Fish & Wildlife's [Inland Bays Shellfish Aquaculture webpage](#) – to reflect the acres that have been returned to the catalog of acreage available for lease. For acres marked "available" on the updated interactive shellfish map, the Division of Fish & Wildlife will accept new lease applications on a first-come, first-served basis.

In order to apply for available acreage, applicants must submit a complete application and a \$300 application fee to the Division of Fish & Wildlife. Visit [the Inland Bays Shellfish Aquaculture webpage](#) for the application and for additional information. Interested applicants can also contact Zina Hense at (302) 735-2960 for more details.

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